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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **State Retirement and Pension System - Study of Pension Benefits**

3 FOR the purpose of commissioning a study of pension benefits of the State
4 Retirement and Pension System; providing for the staffing and contents of the
5 Study; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to report to the Joint
6 Committee on Pensions on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a
7 study of pension benefits of the State Retirement and Pension System.

8 WHEREAS, The benefits provided by the State Retirement and Pension System
9 are generally lower than other pension benefits in the region; and

10 WHEREAS, The State must compete in a tight labor market while the State
11 employee salary plan places State employees at 80% of the average market pay; and

12 WHEREAS, The State seeks to recruit and retain quality employees throughout
13 the State and has critical needs in areas of public safety, health care, social services,
14 and professional classification; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
16 General Assembly request the Department of Legislative Services to prepare a report
17 that studies the pension benefits offered by the State Retirement and Pension
18 System; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the study include an overview of pension benefits offered by
20 other state plans from around the country and a summary of how the benefits offered
21 by the State Retirement and Pension System compare with the benefits offered by the
22 other state plans; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Department of Legislative Services shall report its
24 findings subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Joint Pension
25 Committee on or before November 1, 2001; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
27 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;

- 1 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
- 2 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.